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Egypt

Royal Afterlife

Deified, and thus immortalized, a king had needs in death similar to those in life.

His tomb became his bodily home, and food, drink, and possessions were left there for him. Preserved for eternity with its features intact, his mummy was the receptacle for his spirit.

providing him with a recognizable
access to worldly sustenance.

2650BC

Great Pyramid of GIZAH : KHUFU

C26508E

257562 City of Memphis

IMHOTEP

Egypt

Though neither king nor priest, IMHOTEP's many talents have immortalized his name. Advisor to King DJOSER; architect of the Step Pyramid at Sakkara and reputed author of literary and medical texts, he was revered by Late Egyptians as a god of wisdom.

2650 BC → c 2150 BC

Very Creative Egypt's 1st Golden Age

Rise of the Pyramids

Birth of the Sphinx

Creation of timeless statuary

unrivalled to this day for its massive simplicity, grace, and elegance.

KHUFU (CHEOPS) codified structure of Egyptian Society. Common regulatory art were formulated in this period.

Remained relatively constant for next 200 yrs
Already highly organized agricultural society
System of canals & dykes, and water and
land management.

Efficient bureaucracy whose tax collection
funded the building of the pyramids
KHUFU's c 500 BCE covering 13 Acas - largest

2650 BC

(Archaeology) Egypt

First Egyptian pyramid
(stepped pyramid of Zoser)
built at Saggara,

2650 BC - 2150 BC

Sixth Dynasty by Metropolitan Museum
2700 BC - 2200 BC by the Louvre

Antwork ± 200 yrs.

ANKH the hieroglyphic cruciform symbol
of life

CARTOUCHE: oblong enclosure usually
containing the names of pharaohs.

2650 BC

Pyramid of H HUFU

oldest and largest of the Pyramids
at Giza, Egypt. Built 2650 BC
out of some, 2,300,000 blocks of
stone, each averaging more than
2 tons in weight

C 2650 BC

1912 Dates J-BK

Egypt

USERTESEN III built pyramids
and made a Canal on the Nile
to aid in his expedition against
Ethiopia.

A hymn to USER TESEN III
was found at KAHUN in a papyrus

C. 2650 BC

MESOPOTAMIA

I Ur Dynasty Period: An era of struggle for power between the cities of LAGASH and UR.

LUGAL ZAGGISI tries to establish a Sumerian Kingdom united to the URUK capital: but his efforts fail

2650 BC

The Prince's Walls were built to prevent Asiatics finding their way into Egypt. They want water... to give to their cattle & water, the children of Israel were to pass this wall many times (located about where Suez Canal now is). Abraham must have been the first of them to see it when he emigrated to the land of the Nile during a famine.

2650 BC

Pharaoh SNEFURU become
king.

Father of KHUFU
Founded 4th Dynasty.

Ca 2650-2500 BC

Early Dynastic

C 2650 BC

oriented a 4 pt of compass
Great Pyramid of Giza
(the Great Cheops)

This is oldest & largest of the 3

Almost a solid mass of limestone
massive. Limestone was quarried in
the eastern Nile cliffs and floated
across the river during the seasonal
floods. After the masons finished cutting
and the stones they marked them with

red ink to indicate the place of each in
the structure. Then great gangs of laborers
dragged them (whenever not yet known)
up temporary ramps and laid them
course upon course. Finally the
pyramid was surfaced with a covering
of pearly white limestone, cut with
such precision that the eye could scarcely
detect the joints. 775 ft to side - Area = 13 Acres
Hgt = 450 ft (originally 480 ft). 2,300,000 blocks
of stone ea 2 1/2 Tons in weight

2650BC

Pyramid of Khufu
(or Cheops) oldest and
largest of the Pyramids of
Gizah, Egypt built
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in weight

2650 BC

SILK

DISCOVERED in 2650 BC silk
is produced when the silkworm
attaches itself to branches, sticks
or straw and spins a silk cocoon.
Each of these cocoons yields 1,000
to 3,000 feet of silk fiber.